



## Grants up to \$5,000 Available!

Over \$200,000 in grant funds have already been distributed to more than 50 schools across Montana to implement *Breakfast after the Bell* programs. As a result, Montana teachers are seeing increased student engagement and more positive classroom environments, while many **food service directors are bringing in more revenue** due to higher federal reimbursements and increased student participation in school meals.

- ◆ According to the Montana Office of Public Instruction's 2015 Annual Report, 43% of K-12 students are currently receiving free or reduced-price school meals each day.
- ◆ Nearly two-thirds (65%) of K-8 teachers say there are children in their classrooms who regularly come to school hungry because they don't get enough to eat at home.
- ◆ More than 48,000 children (21.8%) in Montana are considered food insecure, according to Feeding America.

## Breakfast after the Bell GRANTS

## APPLY NOW!

This grant cycle runs **October 3rd through November 4th**. To submit an application, visit <http://grants.nokidhungry.org/dashboard>, and then enter in the access code "MTBREAKFAST2017." Grants of up to \$5,000 per school will be awarded to schools that are implementing new breakfast programs or transitioning into an alternative breakfast model like *Breakfast in the Classroom* or *Grab and Go* to increase student participation in school meals.

Questions about School Breakfast? Contact Linda Cleatus at [LCleatus@mt.gov](mailto:LCleatus@mt.gov) or (406) 444-3925

## Afterschool Meal GRANTS

## APPLY NOW!

This grant cycle runs from **October 3rd through November 4th**. To apply, visit <http://grants.nokidhungry.org/dashboard>, and enter the access code "MTCACFP2017." Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to organizations that are implementing afterschool meal programs or to transition existing programs from serving afterschool snacks to offering full meals through the CACFP.



## Grants up to \$2,000 Available!

The program is flexible. Many schools start offering afterschool meals at 3:00pm so that students can eat before their activities such as band, clubs, sports, and tutoring. The meal is often comprised as a "super-snack." This way, kids can have more food to sustain them until they eat dinner (if they get dinner at home), schools can be reimbursed at a higher rate for a meal instead of just a snack, and food services can easily prepare the food. Schools can develop their own menus which allow them to offer healthy food that will teach kids good eating habits, making them less likely to snack on junk food.

Questions about Afterschool Meals? Contact Lisa Lee at [LLee@mt.gov](mailto:LLee@mt.gov) or (406) 444-3518

